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LETTER DATED 15 AUGUST 1994 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF IRAQ TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to inform you that, during the period from 2 to 10 August 1994, United States aircraft continued to violate Iraqi national airspace for the purpose of surveillance and provocation.

2 August 1994

(a) Northern region: 15 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at medium altitude, centred on Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Zakho, Amarah, Aqrah and Tall Afar.

(b) Southern region: 18 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at medium altitude, centred on Basra, Qurnah, Amarah, Qal'at Salih, Nasiriyah, Busayyah, Jalibah, Artawi, Ushbayjah and Salman.

3 August 1994

Southern region: 32 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at medium altitude, centred on Nasiriyah, Samawah, Ushbayjah, Artawi, Busayyah, Qal'at Salih and Jalibah.

4 August 1994

Southern region: 36 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at medium altitude, centred on Nasiriyah, Samawah, Salman, Basra, Qurnah, Artawi, Jalibah and Busayyah.

5 August 1994

(a) Northern region: 9 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at medium altitude, centred on Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Zakho and Tall Afar.

(b) Southern region: 30 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at medium altitude, centred on Nasiriyah, Qurnah, Samawah, Salman, Khidr, Busayyah, Ushbayjah and Qal'at Salih.

6 August 1994

(a) Northern region: 21 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at medium altitude, centred on Zakho, Dohuk, Ayn Zalah, Aqrah, Tall Afar and Amadiyah.

(b) Southern region: 29 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at medium altitude, centred on Nasiriyah, Samawah, Qal'at Salih, Qurnah, Busayyah, Jalibah, Salman and Artawi.

- At 1410 hours on 6 August 1994, a United States TR-1 reconnaissance plane violated Iraqi airspace, flying at a speed of 600 km/h and at an altitude of 2,000 m over Nasiriyah, Samawah, Amarah, Artawi, Jalibah, Shinafiyah and Umm Qasr. It departed at 1715 hours in the direction of Saudi Arabian airspace.

8 August 1994

Southern region: 38 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at medium altitude, centred on Basra, Nasiriyah, Qurnah, Qal'at Salih, Samawah, Salman, Busayyah, Jalibah, Artawi, Ushbayjah and Suq al-Shuyukh.

9 August 1994

(a) Northern region: 23 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at medium altitude, centred on Mosul, Dohuk, Irbil, Zakho, Tall Afar and Amadiyah.

(b) Southern region: 34 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at medium altitude, centred on Nasiriyah, Samawah, Qurnah, Qal'at Salih, Salman, Busayyah and Jalibah.

10 August 1994

(a) Northern region: 19 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at medium altitude, centred on Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Tall Afar, Zakho, Aqrah and Amadiyah.

(b) Southern region: 36 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at medium altitude, centred on Nasiriyah, Samawah, Salman, Qal'at Salih, Artawi, Qurnah, Jalibah and Busayyah.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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